

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council was called to order by Mayor Martin on November 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Huffman, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve the November 2, 2009 agenda as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Martin announced that Shoreview's bond rating was upgraded by Standard and Poors to AA+. Out of over 1,000 jurisdictions in Minnesota allowed to issue bonds, only 50 have an AA+ bond rating. This is a remarkable achievement for a city the size of Shoreview and will save taxpayers money. It shows the marvelous job that has been done by Finance Director Jeanne Haapala and City Manager Terry Schwerm in long-range financial planning.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Martin:

On November 16, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. will be the Annual Holiday Lighting of the Community Center. Choirs from Chippewa and Turtle Lake School will perform at the event.

Councilmember Quigley:

Reminded residents of the elections on November 3, 2009.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

Added that in Shoreview, only the school board is up for election this year. All polling places are the same except Precinct 1, which is at Shoreview Area Middle School on County Road B2.

The Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band will hold its Annual Christmas Concert on December 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Great Hall. Carriage rides will be available. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, or \$12.00 at the door. Tickets are available at the Community Center or online.

The Ramsey County League of Local Governments will hold its Annual Meeting on November 12, 2009 at the Snail Lake Education Center.

Councilmember Withhart:

The Shoreview Community Foundation will hold a fundraising event at the Community Center on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and higher at the door. Once inside, activities are free. There will be wine and desserts, an auction of donated items from merchants and individuals, the high school Golden Strings and other activities. Everyone is encouraged to come. Foundation funds are used to support local arts, local parks and grants to local organizations.

Congratulations to Shoreview resident Adam Webber who is the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week with the victory over Michigan State.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Huffman requested that item No. 1, October 12, 2009 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, be pulled for separate consideration.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to adopt the consent agenda of November 2, 2009, approving the necessary motions and resolutions:

2. October 19, 2009 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. October 19, 2009 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
4. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
 - Planning Commission, September 22, 2009
5. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$735,110.15
6. Purchases

7. Developer Escrow Reduction
8. Final Payment - Woodbridge Street Reconstruction CP 09-01
9. Adopt 2010 Score Grant and Establish City Recycle Fee
10. Administration of Erosion Control Deposits - Text Amendment and Authorization of Development Agreement
11. Change Order #2 - Sitzer Park Improvements

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the October 12, 2009 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0 Abstain - 1 (Huffman)

Councilmember Huffman abstained, as he was not at the October 12th meeting.

AWARD SALE OF \$1,415,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2009A

Presentation by Finance Director Jeanne Haapala

This bond issue is in two segments. One is for the assessment portion of the Woodbridge reconstruction project in the amount of \$235,000. The amount of \$1.18 million is for the Woodbridge project, Sucker Lake Screening project and Carlson Road storm structure.

A bond rating review was held with Standard and Poors. Staff provided a number of financial documents. The result of the review is an upgrade in the City's bond rating to AA+. This is one rating below AAA, which is the highest rating that can be achieved. Standard and Poors expressed how impressed they are with the City's level of financial planning, strong income, strong financial reserves, flexibility and a tax levy below the maximum that could be levied. The City is also strong with reserves in other funds than the General Fund, the rapid retirement of debt, monthly reporting on the budget and investments, and an excellent response to state aid losses with budget amendments and a special fund balance designation for anticipated aid losses. Standard and Poors also mentioned the growth in jobs, expansion of Rice Creek Corporate Park, and recent efforts to retain businesses as strong factors in their rating.

Five bids were received and analyzed by Springsted for the bond issue. The lowest bid is from Robert W. Baird at 3.028% interest. Because of the City's upgraded bond rating, the interest on this debt is significantly lower.

Ms. Heaton, Springsted, congratulated the Council and staff on the new bond rating. It is a big achievement to be at AA+. On this bond issue, she estimated that the saved approximately \$12,000, as a result of the upgraded bond. This rating will stay with the City and result in future rate savings going forward. She plans to return with and present a plaque recognizing this achievement.

Councilmembers congratulated staff, and Mayor Martin noted that staff does not often publicly receive kudos for their work. The Council trusts staff expertise and follows their recommendations. Not all councils operate like this.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt proposed resolution number 09-97 awarding the sale, prescribing the form and details and providing the payment of \$1,415,000 in general obligation bonds, series 2009A.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Huffman, Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

TEXT AMENDMENT - WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Presentation by City Manager Terry Schwerm

Amendments are proposed to Sections 601, Animal Licensing Control, and 604, Weapons to provide for Wildlife Management Programs as a follow-up to recent Council discussion about a petition received requesting added City efforts to control deer. The Council met with Natural Resources Manager John Moriarity from Ramsey County. The County conducts fall archery hunts in three areas of the City each year--Grass Lake, Poplar Lake and Turtle Creek north of County Road I. Discussion focused on allowing expanded hunting on larger parcels in the City that are privately owned and City owned. The City's current ordinance only provides for wildlife control within Ramsey County parks and open spaces. The ordinance, as drafted, would also apply to other wildlife, such as geese.

Hunting or removal of wildlife would be prohibited, unless it is part of wildlife management additional program authorized by the City Manager. The ordinance would include current archery hunts as well as wildlife management undertaken by the City or County, and allow removal on private property. Wildlife removal would not be allowed outside an authorized management program.

Councilmember Withhart explained that the rationale for these changes is the overpopulated deer herd in Shoreview. There have been many complaints as well as increased car collisions with deer. A sharpshooter program could cost as much as \$50,000. This action is to change the ordinance and allow additional hunts that would better manage deer without the expense of a sharpshooter program. Not every property would be eligible, but anyone interested must apply to the City.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked the size parcel where hunting would be allowed. Mr. Schwerm responded that limiting the parcel size might miss good opportunities to hunt on parcels that are adjacent to open spaces. In order to hunt on private property, written permission will be required.

Councilmember Quigley noted there is an ordinance that prohibits feeding deer. Feeding deer does not help the situation. It only encourages them to come into neighborhoods and contributes to the overpopulation.

Councilmember Huffman asked how this new program would begin. Mr. Schwerm stated that the City would work with the Metro Bowhunters. Typically, when there is a hunt, there are notifications posted in the hunt area.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve Ordinance 858 amending Sections 601 - Animal Licensing and Control and Section 604 - Weapons to Provide for Wildlife Management Program.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Huffman, Martin
Nays: None

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH METRO BOWHUNTERS RESOURCE BASE

Presentation by City Manager Terry Schwerm

Staff met with leaders of the Metro Bowhunters and John Moriarity. A draft agreement is proposed that would be in effect until the end of 2009. Exhibit A describes the scope of services. Exhibit B lists rules and key provisions. Bow hunting ends at the end of December. There is no cost to the City for this service, except for insurance. Only qualified sharpshooter archers will conduct the hunt and coordinate with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department as to time and place. Written permission is required from property owners to hunt on private property.

Mayor Martin emphasized that the only people authorized to carry out this bow hunt will be the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base who understand the rules and regulations. Residents are not permitted to hunt deer on their own property.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the contract with the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base to conduct archery hunts for the purpose of deer control in Shoreview.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Wickstrom, Withhart, Huffman, Quigley, Martin
Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilmember Withhart reported receiving a phone call from residents in Prairie Ridge with concerns about noise from remodeling and reconstruction going on at night next to the townhouses. He asked staff to look into the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009.

Terry C. Schwerm
City Manager